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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/867,432
Filing Date	May 31, 2001
First Named Inventor	Keiichi IWAMURA
Group Art Unit	2624
Examiner Name	P. Edwards
Attorney Docket Number	00862.022241

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other Applicant requests a two (2) month extension of time from April 29, 2006 to May 29, 2006.
The \$450.00 fee is enclosed

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) **05/26/2006 SZEWDIE1 00000052 09867432**
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) **01 FC:1801 790.00 OP**
- iii. ☐ Other _____ **02 FC:1252 450.00 OP**
- b. ☒ Checks in the amounts of \$ 790.00 and 450.00 are enclosed
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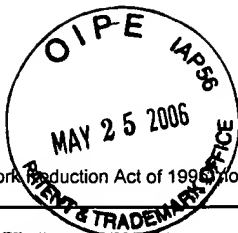
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Signature		Date	May 25, 2006

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	09/867,432
		Filing Date	May 31, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Keiichi IWAMURA
		Examiner Name	P. Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27		Art Unit	2624
		Attorney Docket No.	00862.022241
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		(\$)	

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity		
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
Fee Description						Small Entity	
						Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		
28		- 28 or HP = 0	x 50.00	=	Fee (\$)		Fee Paid (\$)
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20							
Indep. Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)			
12		- 12 or HP = 0	x 200.00	=			
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3							
3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof		Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		
	- 100 =	/ 50 =		(round up to a whole number) x			
4. OTHER FEE(S)							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)						Fees Paid (\$)	
Other:							

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